

DNREC'S Division of Parks & Recreation announces changes in lifeguard hours at state park ocean swimming beaches

DOVER – Hours and locations for lifeguarded ocean swimming beaches in DNREC's Division of Parks & Recreation's state parks will change beginning Aug. 20.

On Monday, Aug. 20, Delaware Seashore State Park's Tower Road beach will be unguarded during the week, but will remain guarded on weekends including Labor Day.

Beginning Monday, Aug. 27 through Friday, Aug. 31, Fenwick Island State Park's Fenwick Lot will be unguarded during the week but will remain guarded on the weekends including Labor Day.

All other state park guarded swimming beaches, including the main beach at Cape Henlopen State Park, and the South Indian River Inlet side of Delaware Seashore State Park, will be guarded every day through Labor Day with limited staff. Smaller or limited swimming areas will be available through Labor Day.

Lifeguard hours will not change, and will be 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily.

Reductions in hours are necessary due to season-long staffing shortages, and as a result of lifeguards leaving the area to return to high school, college, and school sports camps.

For more information, call the Division of Parks & Recreation's Operations Section at 302-739-9200.

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